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Committee to draw up plans for starting the Science Institute of the Andhra University.

* 362 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state whether the Government have appointed a committee to draw up plans and make arrangements, for the starting of the Science Institute of the Andhra University next year, and if so, its constitution, terms of reference and the progress made in the work entrusted to the committee?

A.—The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative.

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether the Government will make arrangements for the technological side as early as possible, considering that this was one of the main objects with which the Andhra University was started?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"It is the business of the University to start this or any other Institute; and it is not the business of the Government to start them."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"Have any proposals been received from the Andhra University or anybody else?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"No."

Expenditure on education for Muslims and depressed classes.

* 363 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of money spent by Government for Muslims, for the running of special schools and colleges and hostels and the award of scholarships to them;

(*b*) the amount of money spent by Government for the depressed classes for the running of special schools, hostels and the award of scholarships to them;

(*c*) the amount of money spent for the Kallars for running schools and awarding scholarships; and

(*d*) whether any amount is spent by Government for running schools and awarding scholarships to the Vannikula-Kshatriyas?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to statements Nos. 75 and 78 in Part I of Volume II of the Report on Public Instruction for 1929-30. Beyond the information contained in these statements, no separate figures of the expenditure incurred on the education of Muslims and depressed classes are available.

(*c*) & (*d*) The information is not available.

Compilation of the Tamil Lexicon.

* 364 *Q.*—Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the expenditure incurred so far in compiling the Tamil Lexicon and what more would it cost to bring the work to completion;

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(*b*) how many volumes will go to make up the complete Tamil Lexicon, what is the number of volumes that have so far been issued to the public and how many volumes now await printing and issue;

(*c*) whether the Lexicon is issued to the public by the Government Press and if not, by whom and why;

(*d*) how many time the work has changed publishers and sellers and why;

(*e*) whether sale agencies are paid commission depending upon their sales or whether they are paid at a flat rate; and

(*f*) whether Government have received complaints from the public regarding non-receipt of the serial issues regularly and what steps the Government have taken to stimulate sales on a business-like basis?

A.—(*a*) The expenditure incurred until the end of 1930–31 was Rs. 2·90 lakhs; the Government have no information as to what further expenditure will have to be incurred.

(*b*) There is no information as regards the first part; in regard to the remaining parts, the attention of the hon. Member is invited to the reports recorded in G.O. No. 1570, Education, dated 3rd September 1931, which has been placed at the disposal of the press.

(*c*) *to* (*f*) The copyright in the work having been surrendered to the University of Madras, the arrangements for printing and publishing the Lexicon are made by the University and not by the Government Press. The Government have, therefore, no information on the points raised in clauses (*d*) to (*f*).

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know when the compilation will be completed?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"The hon. Member must ask the University, because the University is in charge of the work. The copyright has been surrendered to the University."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know how many volumes have appeared so far?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"That information has been included in a publication which is available to the hon. Member."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know from the hon. the Minister what exactly is the expenditure on the work done so far?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"Beyond what is found in that publication which is available to him as well as to me, I cannot give any further information; because as I said, it is the University that is in charge of the work."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know if half or quarter of the work has been done so far?" (No reply.)